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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION of AUGUST 27, 2002

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002 in connection with the above identified application. A response to the August 27, 2002 was due December 27, 2002. A Petition for a three-month extension of time being filed herewith, this Amendment is being timely filed. In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 31, 34, 48-55, 60, 61, 65-73, 86-90 and 94-95

35. (Amended herein) The method [preparation] of claim 96 [34], wherein said [the heterologous] transgene construct comprises a nucleic acid sequence encoding a human polypeptide.

36. (Amended herein) The method [preparation] of claim 96 [31], wherein said [the] transgene construct is capable of knocking out the expression of a gene endogenous to said first transgenic animal [a knockout, or a knockin].

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